SHEBOYGAN

Red Skins

SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

1949 - 1950 SEASON

Wisconsin's Entry in the

National Basketball Association

the Schedule

Thurs., November 3
Boston vs. Red Skins

Sun., November 6
New York vs. Red Skins

Thurs., November 10
Rochester vs. Red Skins

Sun., November 13
Indianapolis vs. Red Skins

Thurs., November 17
Waterloo vs. Red Skins

Sun., November 20
Baltimore vs. Red Skins

Thurs., November 24
Tri Cities vs. Red Skins

Sun., November 27
Anderson vs. Red Skins

Thurs., December 1
Chicago vs. Red Skins

Sat., December 3
St. Louis vs. Red Skins

Thurs., December 8
Syracuse vs. Red Skins

Thurs., December 15
Tri Cities vs. Red Skins

Sat., December 17
Anderson vs. Red Skins

Thurs., December 22
Syracuse vs. Red Skins

Thurs., December 29
Waterloo vs. Red Skins

Sun., January 1
Indianapolis vs. Red Skins

Thurs., January 5
Minneapolis vs. Red Skins

Thurs., January 12
Denver vs. Red Skins

Sun., January 15
Anderson vs. Red Skins

Wed., January 18
Fort Wayne vs. Red Skins

Thurs., February 2
Washington vs. Red Skins

Thurs., February 9
Tri Cities vs. Red Skins

Wed., February 15
Philadelphia vs. Red Skins

Thurs., February 23
Waterloo vs. Red Skins

Sun., February 26
Indianapolis vs. Red Skins

Thurs., March 2
Syracuse vs. Red Skins

Thurs., March 9
Denver vs. Red Skins

Thurs., March 16
Syracuse vs. Red Skins

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MAGNUS G. BRINKMAN ..... *President*

BEN STUMBRAS ..... *Vice-President*

JACOB FESSLER ..... *Secretary*

ROBERT McCORD ..... *Treasurer*

KEN SUESENS ..... *Coach*

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Magnus Brinkman	10	DeLand Cheese Co.
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the President

MAGNUS G. BRINKMAN

Currently beginning his sixth consecutive year as president, Magnus G. Brinkman has also served on the Sheboygan Red Skin Board of Directors for a period of ten years. A graduate of the University of Alabama, his selection to head the Red Skin organization was a popular choice. A close follower of sports, "Mag" has been a capable and efficient administrator of Red Skin affairs.

Throughout the entire basketball season as well as many occasions in the off-season, he is active in executing the various duties of his office. However, his leadership in the Red Skins is directed completely to the business operation of the organization.

Once the basketball season gets under way, "Mag" works in closest harmony with Coach Kenny Suesens. With the coach doubling as business manager, Mr. Brinkman assists in caring for some of the many business details thus easing the load on Ken Suesens. In addition, he maintains close touch with other team officials and league directors in promoting a more successful professional basketball program for the fans.

Magnus Brinkman spares neither his time nor money in the interest of the Red Skins. He personally attends the many league meetings, serving as the Sheboygan representative on the National Basketball Association Board of Governors. While the Red Skins were members of the National Basketball League, he successfully carried on the duties of league secretary.

Of course, he is an active figure in support of various civic and community programs in the city too. For a number of seasons he has served on the board of directors of the Sheboygan Baseball Association. In the business world, Magnus Brinkman is president of the De Land Cheese Co., and a director in the Phoenix Chair Co. and the Clipper City Transit Co.

Sheboygan Red Skins Board of Directors

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The directors of the Sheboygan Red Skins pictured above are: Seated in the first row, left to right, Ted Ziebert, Robert McCord, Magnus Brinkman, president, Edwin A. Imig. Standing in the top row from left to right are Robert Kohler, Atty. Jacob Fessler, Ben Stumbras, Otto Kuechle, Herbert A. Schultz and Fred Eppling. Absent, Ben Locke.

Red Skins History

As the 1949-1950 basketball season gets under way, the Sheboygan Red Skins can lay claim to being the nation's oldest professional team in organized basketball. With their entry into the National Basketball League back in 1938, the Red Skins are now competing in their 12th consecutive season of basketball in an established league.

Traditionally, one of the strong teams of the National Basketball League, the Red Skins are operated as a civic venture in the city of Sheboygan. It is home owned and controlled with approximately 120 Sheboygan business and professional men as stockholders. All officers and directors serve without remuneration.

Playing under the banner of the Sheboygan Red Skins, Inc., the association was incorporated under the laws of the state of Wisconsin in 1938. Through the efforts of a number of civic minded individuals, the Sheboygan team was granted a franchise in the young National Basketball League on the basis of an imposing record set up by semi-professional teams playing under the banners of Sheboygan business firms.

From this meagre beginning, the Red Skins have achieved nation wide fame for the aggressive, spirited basketball teams which have represented Sheboygan in professional basketball circles.

In their eleven seasons in the National Basketball League, the Red Skins either won or tied for division honors three times and added one league title when they defeated a powerful Fort Wayne team in March, 1943.

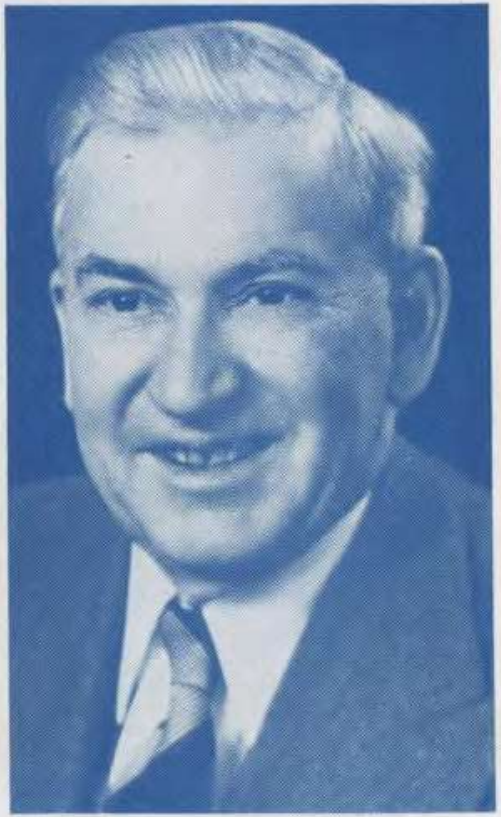
Past Presidents		*Coaches*	
1938-1940	P. H. Davis	1938-1939	Dr. E. H. Schutte
1940-1941	F. W. Eppling	1939-1942	Atty. Francis E. Zummach
1941-1942	Edwin Imig	1942-1944	Carl W. Roth
1942-1943	Herbert A. Schultz	1944-1946	Henry "Dutch" Dehnert
1943-1944	John Detling (deceased)	1946-1948	Doxie Moore
1944-1950	Magnus Brinkman	1948	Kenny Suesens

a Tribute

Any story of the history and development of the Sheboygan Red Skins in major league professional basketball would be incomplete unless recognition was paid to Mr. Charles E. Broughton, editor of The Sheboygan Press. Intensely active in the publishing of The Sheboygan Press, Mr. Broughton has also received nation-wide fame as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and one of the first seven in the world to receive the distinguished service award of the International Salvation Army.

Despite his numerous interests and activities, Mr. Broughton has always maintained a devoted interest in the affairs of his own community. When the Red Skins were incorporated in 1938, he was one of the original directors. For ten years he served on the board of directors before the pressure of other activities forced him to resign. However, Mr. Broughton was named an honorary board member and is at the service of the Red Skin directors with ideas and suggestions. In addition, he was one of the prime forces behind the construction of the Municipal Auditorium and Armory so that there would be suitable playing facilities for big league basketball.

Not only does Mr. Broughton publicize the Red Skins through the editorial and news columns of The Sheboygan Press, but prior to the opening of the professional basketball season, authorizes the publication of a "Red Skin Edition" with both news and advertising columns containing information about the current Red Skin team. The edition features stories, group and individual action pictures as well as player biographies. Throughout the season, the games receive complete coverage by The Sheboygan Press sports writers and photographers as well as editorials and feature articles.



CHARLES E. BROUGHTON

the Coach

KENNY SUESENS

Beginning his second season as coach of the Sheboygan Red Skins, Kenny Suesens will be seeking to improve on his impressive record established in Sheboygan both as a player and a coach. In his initial effort as a mentor of a professional basketball team, Ken directed the Sheboygan team to a record of 35 victories while losing 29, a creditable improvement from the year before when the Sheboygan entry finished in last place in the National Basketball League.

Even today, Suesens enjoys a popularity never before attained by any Sheboygan athlete. Ever since he stepped off the University of Iowa campus to join the Sheboygan Red Skins, the legion of Suesens' fans has grown and grown. Such popularity is a deserved tribute to his exemplary character both on and off the floor.

Friend and foe alike, recognize Suesens' playing ability. An outstanding defensive star, fans have thrilled to Ken's ability to hold opposing sharpshooters virtually helpless. His speed and aggressive play have highlighted every minute of action. As a competitor, his fighting spirit turned the tide in many a contest.

Off the floor, his sportsmanlike attitude, clean living and sterling character make him a model to all. Well aware of his fine character, playing ability and leadership, the directors of the Sheboygan Red Skins selected Kenny to guide the destinies of the Sheboygan Red Skins last season. The selection proved to be a wise one, as the Red Skins enjoyed a successful season on all fronts.

A new challenge to the Red Skins, competition against the country's greatest quintets in the National Basketball Association, faces them this season. The fortunes of the Sheboygan team lie in capable hands. A devout exponent of team play, Suesens' quintet will feature an aggressive and speedy attack, balanced with a sound defense.

Kenny Suesens first joined the Red Skins in 1939 during their first season of play in the National Basketball League. Except for 3 years and 6 months in the service, he has been with the Red Skins at the start of every season since that time. Kenny now makes his home in Sheboygan. Born in Burlington, Iowa, on October 23, 1916, Suesens played 3 years of varsity ball under Rollie Williams at Iowa, captaining the team in his junior year.

the Players

Press and Radio Information

SHEBOYGAN

Red Skins

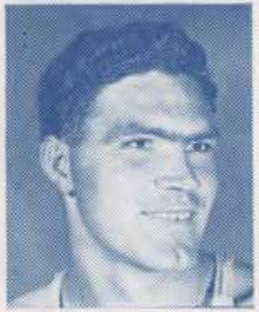
Home Court:
Sheboygan Municipal Auditorium and Armory

Colors:
Cardinal and White

Office: Sheboygan Red Skins, Inc.
709 Playdium Building
Sheboygan, Wis.
Phone 2-0461

the Roster

Name	No.	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wgt.	Home Town	College
Bob Brannum	7	F	23	6'6"	215	Winfield, Kas.	Michigan State
Jack Burmaster	10	G	23	6'3"	190	Elgin, Ill.	Illinois
Bobby Cook	3	F	26	5'10½"	155	Harvard, Ill.	Wisconsin
Noble Jorgensen	15	C	23	6'9"	235	Sheboygan, Wis.	Iowa
Walter Lautenbach	9	G	27	6'2"	190	New Holstein, Wis.	Wisconsin
Matt Mazza	8	G	25	6'3"	210	Rochester, N. Y.	Michigan State
Max Morris	11	F	24	6'2"	200	Sheboygan, Wis.	Northwestern
Milt Schoon	14	C	27	6'7"	230	Gary, Ind.	Valparaiso
Glen Selbo	12	G	23	6'3"	195	LaCrosse, Wis.	Wisconsin
George Sobek	6	F	29	6'0"	180	Hammond, Ind.	Notre Dame
Danny Wagner	5	G	26	6'0"	175	Houston, Texas	Texas
Ken Suesens (coach)			33	6'0"	180	Sheboygan, Wis.	Iowa



"BOB"

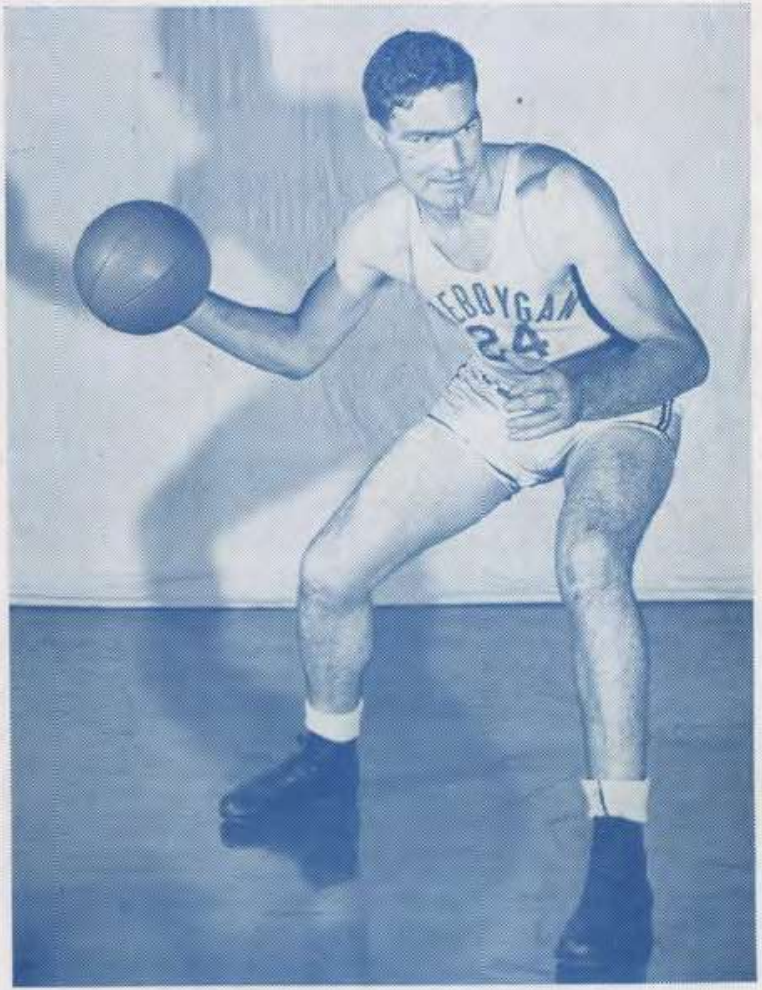
ROBERT BRANNUM

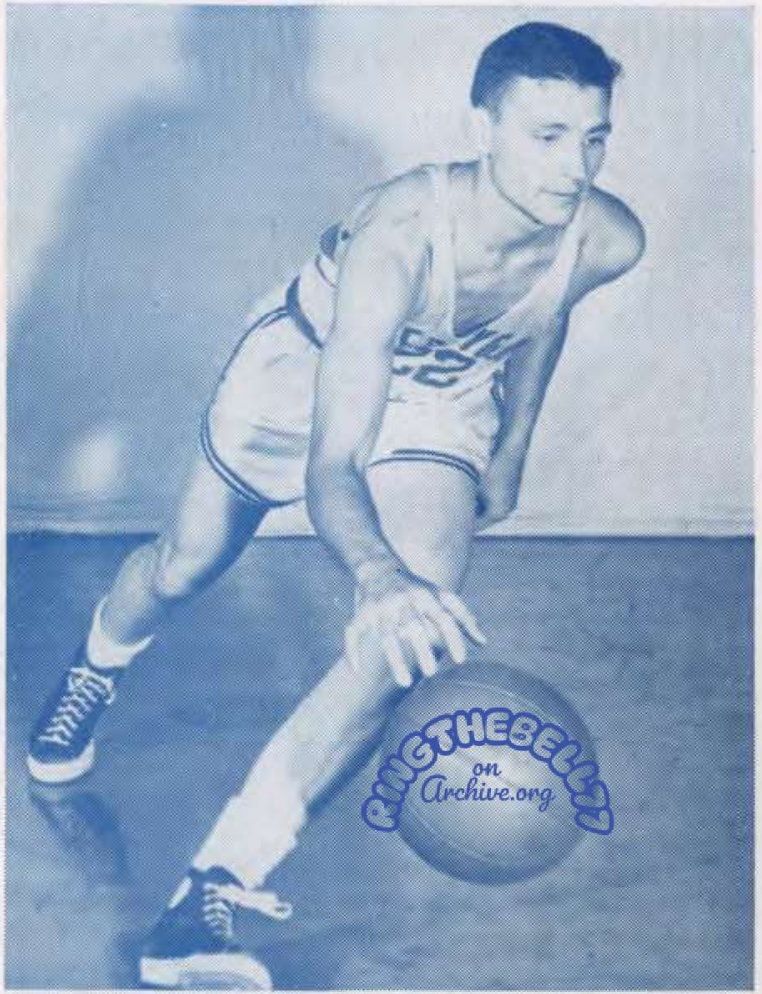
Height: 6' 6" Position: Forward
Weight: 215 lbs. Home Town: Winfield, Kansas
Age: 23 Colleges: Kentucky & Michigan State

Starting his second season with the Red Skins, Bob Brannum may be the key to success for the Sheboygan team this season. A tower of strength under the boards and a hustler every minute, Brannum's experience gained last season may carry him to stardom in the National Basketball Association this season. Bob possesses a tremendous amount of drive and stamina coupled with an intense desire to constantly improve himself.

Brannum is a former All American center from Kentucky where he played before entering service with the United States Army. Following military service, Brannum attended Michigan State where he also received All American mention and All Mid-West selection as a center. Among the highlights of his college career are the 23 points total he scored against Alex Groza, later an All American at Kentucky, as well as a free throw he scored against Notre Dame to beat the Irish. While at Kentucky, he averaged better than 14 points per game and bettered that average at Michigan State.

Bob is married and is the proud daddy of two lovely daughters, Dorcas, 3½ years old and Deborah, age 17 months. When he completes his pro career, Bob wants to become a college coach.

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ROBERT COOK

Height: 5' 10½"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Age: 26

Position: Forward
Home Town: Harvard, Ill.
College: Wisconsin

"BOBBY"

While playing regularly for the University of Wisconsin Badgers, speedy Bobby Cook broke every existing scoring record set by the famous Johnny Kotz. During the 1947-48 season, Bobby led the Big Nine in scoring and averaged better than 15 points per game throughout his college career.

Last season he joined the Sheboygan Red Skins for his first try at professional basketball and after a slow start, became the spark plug of the team in the final 10 weeks of the campaign. Possessing drive and tremendous speed, Bobby seems to be all over the court. His ball handling is superb and it is no secret that the Red Skins are looking to Bobby's scoring ability to lead them to the basketball heights.

Perhaps because he may have been "pressing" Cook could not get going when the 1948-49 season got under way. However, midway through the schedule, Bobby found his eye and his one handed shots clicked with regularity. Although small, he gets the ball away very fast and his agile maneuvers enable him to fake defenders right out of their shoes.

Bobby is part owner of a sporting goods store in Janesville, Wis., and besides his business, plays semi-professional baseball during the off season. He is very popular with his team mates as well as with all of the Sheboygan fans.

"JACK"

JACK BURMASTER

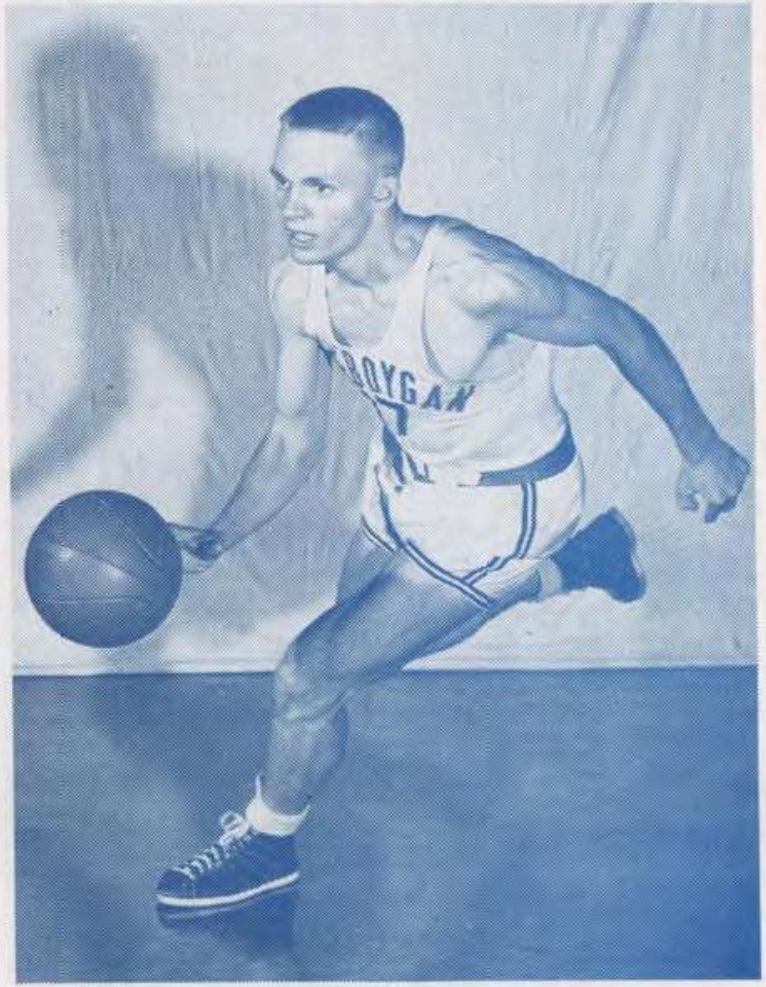
Height: 6' 3"
Weight: 190 lbs.
Age: 23

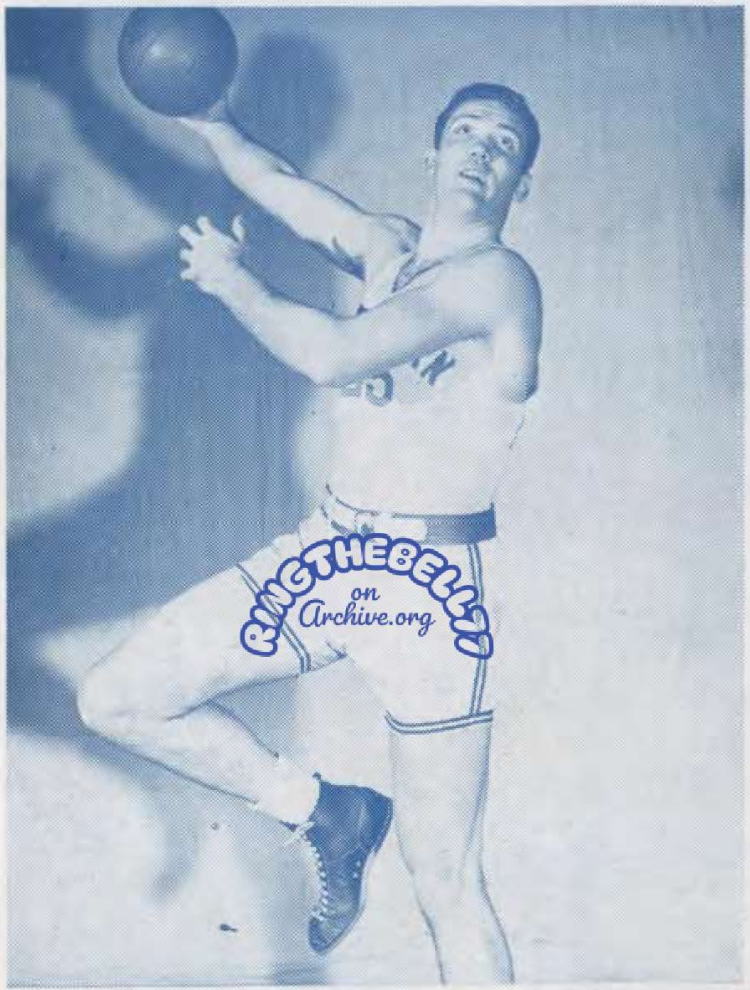
Position: Guard
Home Town: Elgin, Ill.
College: Illinois

A newcomer to the ranks of the Sheboygan Red Skins is this rangy, hard driving guard who was obtained by purchase shortly after the pre-season training was under way. Burmaster played last season with the Oshkosh All Stars, western division leaders of the National Basketball League. His aggressive playmaking prompted Coach Suesens to spare no effort in landing him for his 1949-50 aggregation.

A fine defensive player, Burmaster played four seasons at the University of Illinois, captaining the team in his sophomore and senior seasons. From his guard position, Burmaster was usually given the difficult assignments on defense and yet managed to average around 10 points per game for the Illini. For two successive seasons, he won the free throw trophy, proving his deadly aim from the charity lane. In addition, Jack was selected at a guard position on the All Big Nine team.

Last season, his first in professional ball, Burmaster was chosen on the all league rookie team. Coach Suesens rates him as one of the finest guards in professional basketball. Bob Brannum, who played against Burmaster last season says, "he's the best in the league". Early season drills indicate that this young man will be playing a big part in the Red Skins scheme of things this season.

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NOBLE JORGENSEN

Height: 6' 9" Position: Center
Weight: 235 lbs. Home Town: Sheboygan, Wis.
Age: 23 College: Iowa

"JORGY"

Another one of the fine group of young players owned by the Red Skins is able pivot man, Noble Jorgensen. Last season, his first in Sheboygan, "Jorgy" led the team in free throws and finished second in scoring field goals to give him runner-up scoring honors on the team. In addition, his shooting average of 38% was tops among the regulars.

Exceptionally fast and agile for a big man, Jorgensen is a dual threat on offense. Not only does he hook 'em with either hand, but his accuracy from out on the court makes him a threat from farther out.

Noble first played professional basketball with the Pittsburgh Ironmen in the BAA after graduation from Iowa in March, 1947. Next season he joined the Portland Indians of the Pacific West Coast League where he paced all scorers with a 24 point per game average. His performances on the west coast prompted Coach Suesens to get Jorgensen to Sheboygan. Last season he scored more than 10 points per game and improved his playing as the season progressed.

Last summer, "Jorgy" married a Sheboygan girl and now calls Sheboygan "Home". To keep in condition, he plays softball as well as golf, which he shoots in the low 90's. His father is trainer for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team.

"WALT"

WALTER LAUTENBACH

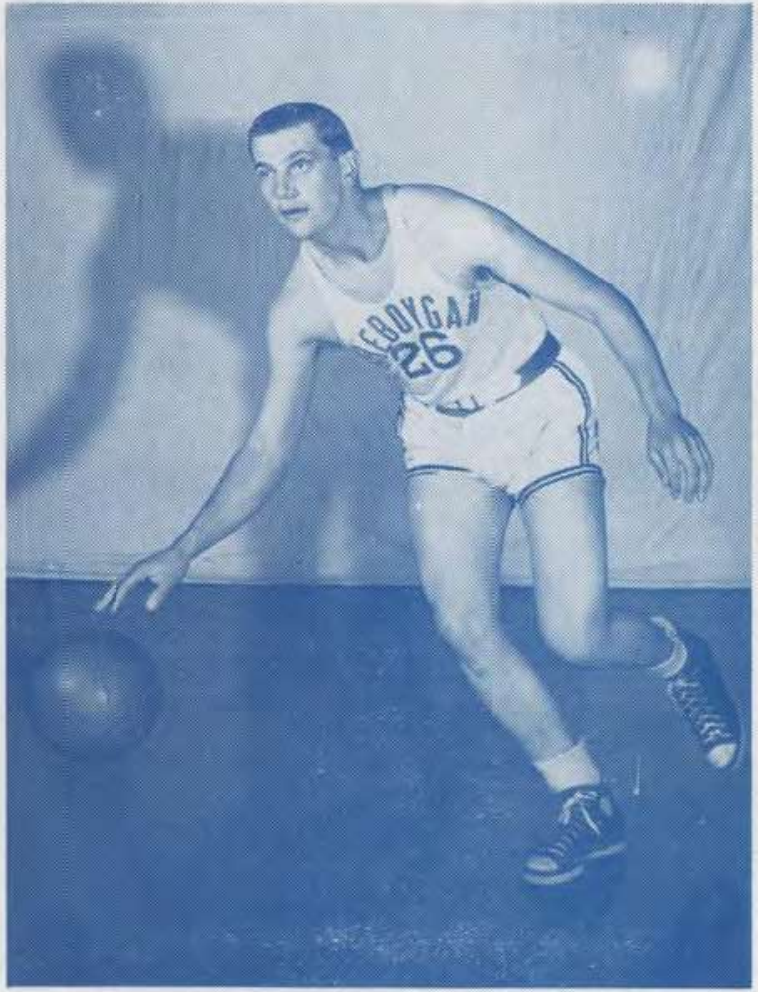
Height: 6' 2" Position: Guard
Weight: 190 lbs. Home Town: New Holstein, Wis.
Age: 27 College: Wisconsin

A former team mate of Bobby Cook at the University of Wisconsin, Walt rejoins Bobby again this season as a result of his purchase by the Red Skins in September. Lautenbach, for the last two seasons, was a member of the Oshkosh All Stars and was purchased along with Jack Burmaster.

Walt is a rangy, hard driving defensive man who is a better than average scorer from out on the floor. At Wisconsin, Lautenbach averaged more than 9 points per game on the Big Nine Championship crew of 1946-47, which also included Bobby Cook.

Lautenbach received his early basketball training in Plymouth, Wis., High School, which is located 15 miles west of Sheboygan, so coming to the Red Skins will bring him much nearer home. However, Lautenbach makes his home in New Holstein, about 20 miles northwest of Sheboygan where he is a salesman in the off season and plays semi-professional baseball with the New Holstein Athletics, 1948 semi-pro champs of Wisconsin.

He played his first professional ball for the Oshkosh All Stars in the 1947-48 season and Coach Suesens is counting on his experience as well as his fine all around play to make the Red Skins a dangerous foe. Walt is one of the few bachelors on the team.



MAX MORRIS

Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 200 lbs.
Age: 24

Position: Forward
Home Town: Sheboygan, Wis.
College: Northwestern

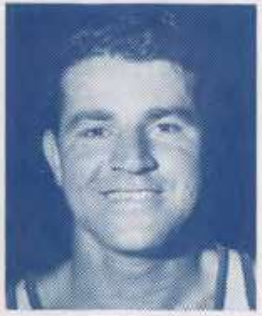
"MAX"

Although this will be his third season in professional basketball, Max will actually be present for his first official season opening game when the Red Skins open their 1949-50 campaign. The reason is that Max was busily engaged playing professional football and never participated in an opening game until this season.

While being thus handicapped by a lack of pre-season conditioning basketball, Max, nevertheless, became a star performer once he attained playing condition and his great rebound ability under both boards made him a mighty handy man to have around.

This season Max will have the benefit of rigorous pre-season training drills as well as playing a normal front line position to which Coach Suesens has shifted him. While at Northwestern, Max was the Big Nine high scorer for two seasons with an average of better than 17 points per game. In addition, he won letters in football, where he played an end position.

Last spring, Morris accepted a position with the Sheboygan branch of a nation-wide insurance firm and now calls Sheboygan his home. He is married and the father of a 1½ year old daughter, Nancy.



"MATT"

MATT MAZZA

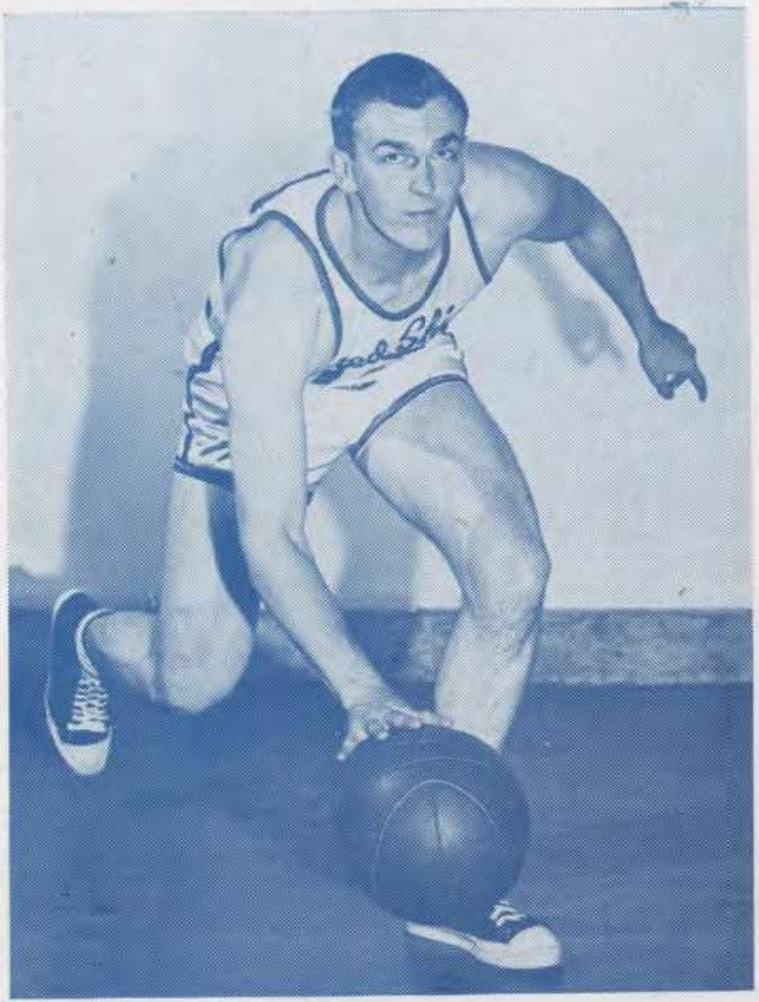
Height: 6' 3" Position: Guard
Weight: 210 lbs. Home Town: Rochester, N. Y.
Age: 25 College: Michigan State

Newest addition to the Sheboygan Red Skins is this husky young man from Rochester, N. Y., who is attempting to make the grade after spending two seasons as a star with the Oneida Indians in the New York State League.

Mazza is a former team mate of Sheboygan's Bob Brannum, having played together with the Michigan State Spartans. However, previously, Matt had put in a season and a half at little Canisius College where he paced the team in scoring. Transferring to Michigan State, Mazza played two seasons, averaging better than 8 points per game. For the last two cage seasons, Mazza averaged better than 19 points per game in the New York State League. At Michigan State, Mazza also played two seasons of varsity football and participated in baseball for one season.

The former Michigan State cager joined the Red Skins in their opening road game at Rochester and as a result missed the extensive pre-season training program of the Red Skins. Mazza had tried out with the Syracuse Nationals, but was handicapped by foot injuries, and was never able to show to advantage.

Of Italian descent, Mazza was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He is married and the father of Matthew, Jr., age 2½ years and daughter, Jessica, age 13 months.



GLEN SELBO

Height: 6' 3" Position: Guard
Weight: 195 lbs. Home Town: La Crosse, Wis.
Age: 23 College: Wisconsin

"GLEN"

Joining two former team mates from the University of Wisconsin, Selbo is another former Oshkosh All Star cager who joined the Red Skins before the start of the present season. A big rangy guard, Selbo gives the Red Skins additional defensive and rebounding strength.

Selbo will be playing his third season in professional basketball. Also a good one handed shot, Selbo finished second to Bobby Cook when the two were team mates at Wisconsin. In addition, Selbo was named the most valuable player by his team mates and was named the most valuable player in the conference, as well as earning an all conference berth at guard.

While in naval training, Selbo played at Western Michigan and later at the University of Michigan, being a regular guard on both squads. During the off season, Selbo plays professional baseball, where he is a first sacker.

After graduation from Wisconsin, Selbo joined the Oshkosh All Stars at the start of the 1947-48 season. His hard driving play as a member of the Red Skins' most bitter rivals as well as his timely scoring earned high respect from Sheboygan players and fans. Only 23 years of age, Selbo should fit in well with the style of play installed by Coach Suesens this season, being particularly familiar with the defense.

"MILT"

MILT SCHOON

Height: 6' 7"
Weight: 230 lbs.
Age: 27

Position: Center
Home Town: Gary, Ind.
College: Valparaiso

This giant pivot man is playing his second season with the Sheboygan Red Skins after being purchased from the Dow Chemical team of Midland, Mich., at the end of the 1947-48 season. A three year veteran of the Valparaiso University varsity when it was billed as the "world's tallest team", Schoon finished as second highest scorer on the squad with an average of better than 12 points per game. In one of the three seasons, Valparaiso finished with a brilliant record of 23 wins and only 3 defeats.

A fine ball handler and an able defensive man at the pivot position, Big Milt finished with the highest shooting percentage on the Red Skin squad as he netted 40% of his attempts at the hoop. His value to the Sheboygan team lies in his fine spirit and team work. Last season he alternated at the pivot position with "Jorgy" and the big Indiana boy turned in a workmanlike job whenever he was called into action.

Despite the handicap of an injured knee at the start of last season, Milt quickly gave Sheboygan some fine all around play at the pivot position. In mid-season, he suffered a fractured wrist which kept him out of action for a number of weeks and seriously handicapped the Red Skins.

Milt is married and last summer was employed in Gary by a soft drink distributing firm.

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DANNY WAGNER

Height: 6'
Weight: 175 lbs.
Age: 26

Position: Guard
Home Town: Houston, Texas
College: Texas

"DANNY"

Back for his second season with the Sheboygan Red Skins, Texas Danny returned for the 1949-50 season with a brand new bride and a determination to aid the Red Skins in their quest for honors in the National Basketball Association.

Wagner joined the Sheboygan team in 1948 after having put in one season of professional basketball with the crack Dow Chemicals, after graduation from the University of Texas. With the potent Texas quintet, Wagner averaged better than 10 points per game. In his senior year, the Longhorns came up with the best collegiate record in the country when they won 26 out of 28 contests. In both seasons, the Texas aggregation copped the conference title.

To Sheboygan fans, Wagner is a colorful performer on the court, especially when he connects with his one handed "flipper" shots from out on the court or from either corner. Although used in reserve roles, Danny's scoring ability has turned the tide in many games since he donned a Sheboygan uniform. His spectacular steals of opponents passes and his nifty passing are no less deserving of mention. Although lacking in height, Wagner is a scrappy cager, making up in fight and hustle what he may lack in size.

"CHIPS"

GEORGE SOBEK

Height: 6' Position: Forward
Weight: 180 lbs. Home Town: Hammond, Ind.
Age: 29 College: Notre Dame

Smooth working George Sobek joined the Red Skins at the start of the present season after managing the Hammond Buccaneers in the National Basketball League last season. George is a veteran of the pro cage game, having begun his career with the Toledo Jeeps back in 1945.

Forty four months of service with the United States Navy interrupted his cage playing, but when he resumed his playing in 1945, Sobek found his scoring eye undimmed. He averaged nearly 14 points per game and that season set a record by scoring 33 points in a single contest against the Oshkosh All Stars. In addition, he paced the league in free throws and finished fourth in total points in the league scoring race.

A great competitor, Sobek is a smooth operator around the hoop, being particularly clever at eluding defensive men in drives toward the basket.

Although not too big as pro players go, Sobek's value to the Red Skins lies in his experience and hustling floor work. His ability to score, his fine, clever passing may be the spark to make the Red Skins a dangerous threat to their National Basketball Association opponents. In addition, his experience may be helpful in easing his mates over some rough spots in league play.

Past Records

Season	Won	Lost	Pct.	Season	Won	Lost	Pct.
1938-39	11	17	.421	1944-45	19	11	.633
1939-40	15	13	.536	1945-46	21	13	.617
1940-41	13	11	.541	1946-47	26	18	.591
1941-42	10	14	.434	1947-48	23	37	.383
1942-43	12	11	.522	1948-49	35	29	.547
1943-44	14	8	.636	All Time Totals	199	182	.522

1948-49 Season Highlights

GAMES WON

Exhibition 12 League 35

LEAGUE GAMES WON

Home 24 Road 11

GAMES LOST

Exhibition 4 League 29

LEAGUE GAMES LOST

Home 8 Road 21

Most Points Single Game, Individual.....Jorgensen (26) vs. Hammond, Feb. 16, 1949
Most Points Single Game, Team.....(91) vs. Syracuse, March 30, 1949
Highest Shooting Percentage, Individual.....Cook (82%) vs. Dayton, March 31, 1949
Highest Shooting Percentage, Team.....42% vs. Syracuse, March 30, 1949

National Basketball Association

A mid-summer merger between the 4 year old Basketball Association of America and the 12 year old National Basketball League resulted in the forming of the brand new National Basketball Association. The merger brought into the newly organized league 10 teams from the BAA and 7 National League teams to give the new loop a total of 17 teams.

These 17 teams have been divided into three divisions, Eastern, Central and Western. Eastern division clubs include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Washington and Baltimore; Fort Wayne, Chicago, St. Louis, Rochester and Minneapolis comprise the Central division and Sheboygan, Waterloo, Denver, Tri-Cities, Anderson and Indianapolis make up the Western division. The teams will play a total of 557 games in league play and then the top four teams in each division will engage in post season playoffs. The first and fourth place teams will play each other while the second place team meets the team in third place. The winners then meet, with the three remaining teams meeting in a playoff to determine the champion. The team which finishes the season with the highest winning percentage drawing a bye. All series, except the final series will be two out of three. The final series will be four out of seven.

The new National Basketball Association is headed by Maurice Podoloff, who is also head of the American Hockey League. A graduate of the Yale Law School, Mr. Podoloff achieved much success in the Canadian-American Hockey League as a charter member of its board of governors, secretary and treasurer and later as President of the League. When the BAA was being organized, Maurice Podoloff was selected as the president and his efforts toward the merger as well as his success with the BAA and the American Hockey League resulted in his unanimous selection as President of the new basketball loop. Ike W. Duffey, former National Basketball League head, was elected chairman of the board of governors. Walter Kennedy, former Notre Dame Public Relations head, who held the same position with the BAA was named as director of publicity.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Officiating Staff

1	Hagan Anderson - Hawor	20	Sol Levy
2	Morrie Arnovich	21	John Scalzi
3	James Beiersdorfer	22	Joseph Serafin
4	Sid Borgia	23	Frank Scanlan
5	Edward Boyle	24	Tony Gentile
6	Jocko Collins	25	Max Tabacchi
7	Lou Eisenstein	26	William Solodare
8	Phil S. Fox (Wash.)	27	Robert Austin
9	Phil Fox (NY)	28	Charles Eckman
10	Charles Chuckovits	29	James Enright
11	Lyle Garnish	30	Barney Hearn
12	Pat Kennedy Chief of Staff	31	Rube Lautenschlager
14	Louis Dehner	32	John Sammon
15	John Nucatola	33	Stan Stutz
16	Sam Pecoraro	34	Max Mohr
17	Sam Schoenfeld	35	William Downes
18	John Stevens	36	Earl Schlupp
19	Arnold Heft	37	Bud Lowell

1948-49 STANDINGS

BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Eastern Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Washington	38	22	.633
New York	32	28	.533
Baltimore	29	31	.483
Philadelphia	28	32	.467
Boston	25	35	.417
Providence	12	48	.200

Western Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rochester	45	15	.750
Minneapolis	44	16	.733
Chicago	38	22	.633
St. Louis	29	31	.483
Fort Wayne	22	38	.367
Indianapolis	18	42	.300

1948-49 STANDINGS

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Anderson	49	15	.766
Syracuse	40	22	.635
Hammond	21	41	.339
Dayton	16	43	.271

Western Division

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Oshkosh	37	27	.578
Tri-Cities	36	28	.563
Sheboygan	35	29	.547
Waterloo	30	32	.484
Denver	18	44	.290

Behind the Scenes

PRESS COVERAGE

News of the Sheboygan Red Skins and the National Basketball Association is carried regularly on the sports pages of The Sheboygan Press. Sports Editor Dwight Pelkin and sportswriter Harold Bogenhagen cover the games as well as keeping up to date on all important news emanating from the Red Skins' camp.

RADIO

Home and road games will be broadcast by Station WHBL, with Hal O'Halloran at the mike to give his accurate and colorful descriptions of the games. In addition, a daily "Red Skin Round-Up" is presented keeping fans up to date on the latest happenings of the Red Skins as well as league highlights.

SCORER

Official scorer at all Red Skins home games is Clarence Bogenhagen, who will begin his eighth season behind the Red Skin scoring table.

TIMER

The custodian of the big official time clock is Charles "Slim" Lonsdorf. "Slim" is a former Red Skin who was a member of the original Red Skin team in the National Basketball League.

ANNOUNCER

Bob Froehlich is the man behind the mike which booms out the starting lineups and keeps the fans informed on the substitutions, the scoring and fouls committed.

TICKETS

Supervising the sale of tickets to all Red Skin games is Melvin "Sparky" Froehlich, who has been handling the job efficiently for the past six seasons. Assisting him in the box office is Roman Entringer. Passes for members of the press are available at the box office.

RED SKINS BOOSTERS

Headed by President Harold R. Maier, the Red Skins Boosters are primarily interested in promoting the welfare of the Sheboygan entry in the National Basketball Association. They sponsor numerous events throughout the year whereby fans and players and their wives become better acquainted and where the general social topic of conversation is basketball.

TRAINER

Caring for the bumps and bruises suffered by any member of the Red Skins squad is trainer Frank Brickner, experienced and capable. Frank is serving his fifth season as trainer.

USHERS

Very prominent at all the Red Skin games are the Red Skin Ushers, 40 energetic and helpful young men under the direction of Art Schumann. They handle the gates and the task of directing fans to their seats in the Municipal Auditorium and Armory. The usher group was organized the same season that the Red Skins entered the National Basketball League and they've been a part of the Sheboygan basketball scene ever since. Attired in bright red sweaters this efficient group has been asked to serve on occasions other than basketball which require orderly handling of crowds.

Facts About Red Skins' Opponents

Name:	ANDERSON PACKERS
Address:	2000 W. Eighth Street, Anderson, Ind.
Home Court:	Anderson High School
Seating Capacity:	4,800
Team Colors:	Red and White
Coach:	Howie Schultz
1948-49 Record:	49 Won, 15 Lost

Name:	BOSTON CELTICS
Address:	Boston Garden, N. Station, Boston 14 Mass.
Home Court:	Boston Garden
Seating Capacity:	18,000
Team Colors:	Green and White
Coach:	Alvin Julian
1948-49 Record:	25 Won, 35 Lost

Name:	BALTIMORE BULLETS
Address:	7 E. Lexington St., Baltimore 2, Maryland
Home Court:	Coliseum
Seating Capacity:	4,200
Team Colors:	Blue and White
Coach:	Buddy Jeannette
1948-49 Record:	29 Won, 31 Lost

Name:	CHICAGO STAGS
Address:	1800 W. Madison St., Chicago 12, Illinois
Home Court:	Chicago Stadium
Seating Capacity:	21,000
Team Colors:	Red, White and Blue.
Coach:	Philip Brownstein
1948-49 Record:	38 Won, 22 Lost

Name:	DENVER NUGGETS
Address:	402 Patterson Building, Denver 2, Colo.
Home Court:	Denver University Field House
Seating Capacity:	10,000
Team Colors:	Blue, Gold and Red
Coach:	James Darden
1948-49 Record:	18 Won, 44 Lost

Name:	FORT WAYNE ZOLLNER PISTONS
Address:	Beuter Road, Fort Wayne 4, Indiana
Home Court:	North Side High School Gym
Seating Capacity:	4,000
Team Colors:	Red, White and Blue
Coach:	Murray Mendenhall
1948-49 Record:	22 Won, 38 Lost

Name:	INDIANAPOLIS OLYMPIANS
Address:	626 Peoples Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.
Home Court:	Butler University Field House
Seating Capacity:	17,000
Team Colors:	Blue and White
Coach:	Cliff Barker
1948-49 Record:	None

Name:	MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS
Address:	111 Loeb Arcade, Minneapolis, Minn.
Home Court:	Minneapolis Auditorium
Seating Capacity:	10,000
Team Colors:	Columbia Blue and Gold
Coach:	Johnny Kundla
1948-49 Record:	44 Won, 16 Lost

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Name:	NEW YORK KNICKERBOCKERS
Address:	307 W. 49th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
Home Courts:	Madison Square Garden and 69th Reg. Arm.
Seating Capacity:	Garden 18,400; Armory 5,200
Team Colors:	Orange and Blue
Coach:	Joe Lapchick
1948-49 Record:	32 Won, 28 Lost

Name:	PHILADELPHIA WARRIORS
Address:	45th and Market Sts., Philadelphia 39, Pa.
Home Courts:	The Arena and Convention Hall
Seating Capacity:	Arena 7,900; Convention Hall 9000
Team Colors:	Blue and Gold
Coach:	Ed Gottlieb
1948-49 Record:	28 Won, 32 Lost

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Name:	ROCHESTER ROYALS
Address:	338 Powers Building, Rochester 4, N. Y.
Home Court:	Edgerton Park Sports Arena
Seating Capacity:	4,200
Team Colors:	Royal Blue and White
Coach:	Lester Harrison
1948-49 Record:	45 Won, 15 Lost

Name:	ST. LOUIS BOMBERS
Address:	57 Oakland Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.
Home Court:	The Arena
Seating Capacity:	13,700
Team Colors:	Red and White
Coach:	Grady Lewis
1948-49 Record:	29 Won, 31 Lost

Name:	SYRACUSE NATIONALS
Address:	332 South Warren Street, Syracuse 2, N. Y.
Home Court:	State Fair Coliseum
Seating Capacity:	7,500
Team Colors:	Red and Blue
Coach:	Al Cervi
1948-49 Record:	40 Won, 22 Lost

Name:	TRI-CITIES BLACKHAWKS
Address:	423 Seventeenth Street, Rock Island, Illinois
Home Court:	Wharton Field House, Moline, Illinois
Seating Capacity:	6,000
Team Colors:	Red, White and Blue
Coach:	"Red" Auerbach
1948-49 Record:	36 Won, 28 Lost

Name:	WASHINGTON CAPITOLS
Address:	3rd and M Streets N. E., Washington D. C.
Home Court:	Uline Arena
Seating Capacity:	13,000
Team Colors:	Green and White
Coach:	Bob Feerick
1948-49 Record:	38 Won, 22 Lost

Name:	WATERLOO HAWKS
Address:	P. O. Box 2013, Waterloo, Iowa
Home Court:	Waterloo Auditorium
Seating Capacity:	7,600
Team Colors:	Black and Gold
Coach:	Charley Shipp
1948-49 Record:	30 Won, 32 Lost

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